Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method to reduce transcriptional interference between two ~~or more~~ tandemly arranged gene expression cassettes in a host cell comprising introducing into the host cell a polynucleotide comprising a) a first gene expression cassette encoding a first polypeptide, b) a spacer polynucleotide, and c) a second gene expression cassette encoding a second polypeptide, whereby the first gene expression cassette and the second gene expression cassette are positioned in a tandem orientation and the spacer polynucleotide of b) is positioned between the first expression cassette and the second expression cassette; and culturing the host cell under conditions, wherein the spacer polynucleotide of b) is selected from the group consisting of (i) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, (ii) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, (iii) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and (iv) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4., whereby transcriptional interference between the first gene expression cassette and the second gene expression cassette is reduced and the first polypeptide and the second polypeptide are expressed.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the host cell is selected from the group consisting of a bacterial, fungal, yeast, plant, animal and mammalian cell.

Claim 9 (original): The method according to claim 8, wherein the plant cell is selected from the group consisting of an apple, *Arabidopsis*, bajra, banana, barley, bean, beet, blackgram, chickpea, chili, cucumber, eggplant, favabean, maize, melon, millet, mungbean, oat, okra, *Panicum*, papaya, peanut, pea, pepper, pigeonpea, pineapple, *Phaseolus*, potato, pumpkin, rice, sorghum, soybean, squash, sugarcane, sugarbeet, sunflower, sweet potato, tea, tomato, tobacco, watermelon, and wheat cell.

Claim 10 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the gene expression cassettes comprises a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of an antigen, an alpha-amylase, a phytase, a glucane, a xylase, an insect resistance, a nematode resistance, a fungus resistance, a bacterium resistance, a virus resistance, an abiotic stress resistance, a

nutraceutical, a pharmaceutical, an amino acid content modifying, a herbicide resistance, a cold tolerance, a drought tolerance, a heat tolerance, and an antioxidant polypeptide.

Claims 11-14 (cancelled)